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A most interesting article appears in the September number of *The Missionary Review of the World* on "Prison Reform in Japan." It describes graphically and fully the rise of the movement which forms a chapter in the modern marvels of missions, and gives the history and present status of the work for prisoners and ex-convicts by Ianeaki Hara, the "John Howard of Japan." Rev. Geo. C. Needham gives some of his impressions of the Sunrise Kingdom in an article on "Kaleidoscopic Japan." Medical Missions are practically illustrated by the Editor-in-Chief in the story of the life and work of Dr. Samuel Fisk Green, who labored so long and so effectively in Ceylon. Dr. Fairburn describes the "Power of Missions in India" in a powerful article; Dr. John G. Paton writes of the "Present Conditions in the New Hebrides," and Hon. Horace N. Allen has something to say on "Korea—Present and Future." There are also articles on "A Journey to the Tibetan Frontier" by Cecil Polhill—Turner, and on "The Outlook for Missions in China" by President W. A. P. Martin, of the New Imperial University at Peking. One can not miss reading a number of the *Review* without falling behind in the progress of events of world-wide interest and importance.

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The *Preacher's Magazine* for September, with an abundant store of ministerial aids, is at hand. It is full of good thoughts and valuable subjects for study, and indispensable as a real help to ministers. The remarkable table of contents will create a demand for it. The leading sermon is by the famous Robert Torrance, D. D., of Canada, from this text: "Fear not; I am the first and the last." It is a choice, rich, and inspiring discourse. A sermon also appears, entitled, "God's Kingdom to Come," by the late Charles A. Berry, D. D. It is a broad and blessed production. Likenesses of the above named clergymen appear, and they are excellent, as are all the pictures produced in this magazine. The sermon, by Rev. A. F. W. Ingram, is suited to the hour, upon "The Classes and the Masses." The homiletics are varied and valuable, covering live themes. "Ex-tempore Preaching vs. Talking," by Rev. John Burnett, concludes a brief series. "Prayer Meeting Talks," by Louis Albert Banks, D. D., are of solid value. Notes on the "International Sunday-school Lessons and the Outline Addresses," by William E. Ketcham, D. D., are full of suggestions. The "Bird Lessons for the Young" are good, and have been found in every issue this year. Among other matter, we note "Preachers and Preaching," "Pitfalls in Bible English," "Ministerial Table Talks," "Notes and Illustrations"—making a charming issue of a popular preacher's magazine. Published monthly. Single copy, 15 cents; \$1.50 per year. Wilbur B. Ketcham, Publisher, 7 and 9 West Eighteenth Street, New York.

#### Louisville, Ohio

Communion services September 23 at N. Georgetown with a week's meeting previous. Also at Louisville beginning Sunday October 1, and ending Saturday evening, 7th, with a communion.

Two promising young ladies were baptized yesterday, Sunday, 17. W. A. WELTY.

#### Love Feast

No preventing providence the members of the Brethren church at Summit Mills, Somerset Co., Pa., will hold their fall love feast Sunday eve, October 15, 1899. Usual invitation is hereby extended.

The members of the Brethren church at Meyersdale, Pa., contemplate holding their

semi-annual love feast on Sunday eve, Oct. 8, 1899. Usual invitation extended.

JOHN H. KNEPPER, Pastor.  
Meyersdale, Pa.

#### Cost of a Church Carpet

Unidentified.

A church bought a carpet for \$800. The women raised the fund by entertainments. The pastor said: This carpet cost, not \$800, but \$4,000. To the bill must be added the incidentals, work, worry, nervous strain, bodily weariness, and heart-aches of one hundred women. Add, also, the colds, fevers, doctors' bills, and what you have paid to other churches; for when they come to your socials, you must go to theirs. A man buys groceries. His wife, at the expense of fuel, time and labor, makes a cake, and gives it to the social; then the man, his wife, and children, go to the social and eat the cake, and pay for it. Suppers have been given that cost \$10 and only netted \$5. Demoralization of church, society, a curtailment of legitimate giving, and other things follow in the train. I am opposed to any more socials as revenue producers. 'Yet show I unto you a more excellent way.' It is the way of Paul. 'Now, concerning the collection . . . Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.' "

#### THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN

A contributor to the *Advance* gives the following as some of the white man's burdens:

##### IN THE UNITED STATES

A liquor bill of \$1,000,000,000 per year.  
To stupefy, demoralize or kill boys and young men, 4,631,820,620 cigarets annually.  
To send a lot of other money up in smoke, 4,431,050,519 cigars.  
The whole burden of tobacco, 297,089,312 pounds.  
Saloons, more than 6,000 in Chicago, and other big cities in the same proportion.  
Houses of prostitution, by blocks, acres and miles in the large cities.  
Murders, in 1898, 7,840; in 1897, 9,520; in 1896, 10,652; in 1895, 10,500.  
Total murders in four years—the length of a presidential term—38,512.  
Suicides for a year, 5,920.  
Lynching, 122.  
Convicts in prison, 62,244.  
Successive polygamy thru-out the divorce courts.  
Taxes, federal taxes, state taxes, county taxes, township taxes, municipal taxes, special taxes.  
More taxes.  
Tax eaters in droves, and still they come, and always hungry.  
A brilliant five hundred million dollar Congress.  
Political bosses.  
The machine.  
Ward heelers, henchmen and thugs.  
Jury bribing.

Boodling in city councils.

Boodling in state legislatures.

"Grafting."

Peculiar influences in the election of United States Senators.

Corporation lawyers turned into federal judges.

Trusts, combinations, and syndicates.

More trusts.

Watered stocks and big dividends.

Strikes, lockouts, and boycotts.

Anarchy in high places.

Railroad rebates, secret rates, and other schemes for outwitting law and playing smash with honest business.

Rake offs.

##### SOME OF HIS BURDENS ABROAD

The national debt of France, \$600,000,000; of England, \$3,300,000,000; of Austria-Hungary, \$3,000,000,000; of Russia, \$2,875,000,000; of Italy, \$2,530,000,000.

Total debt of all Europe—mostly incurred in the business of killing one another—\$29,000,000,000.

Russia's army, 932,815 men—annual expense, \$290,000,000.

France's army, 617,179 men—annual expense, \$185,000,000.

Germany's army, 611,629 men—expense \$158,000,000.

Great Britain's army, 220,000—expense for army and navy, \$210,000,000.

Austria-Hungary's army, 367,271 men—expense, \$100,000,000.

Total armies of all Europe, 3,750,102 men—annual expense, \$1,153,000,000.

The liquor bill of Europe is out of sight.

##### OTHER BURDENS

Emperors who think they are the state.

Czars who are the whole thing.

Infallible Popes.

Infallible critics.

Heirs-apparent who play the races.

Other princes who play all the year round at the expense of the people.

Pretenders, claimants of thrones which their ancestors disgraced and lost, and other back numbers waiting for something to turn up.

Nobles, poverty stricken and penniless, watching for American multi-million-heiresses.

Among the lesser burdens of the white man may be mentioned:

The spring poet.

The writer of erotic novels.

Yellow journalism.

The professional agitator.

The man who is always setting a day for the world to wind up.

The inventor of religious isms.

The religious teacher who subscribes to a creed one day and repudiates it the next.

Too much German theology.

Baccilli, bacteria and germs, everywhere and on all occasions.

In extending these burdens to the brown man the white man should see the reasonableness of a gradual introduction.